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THE SPIRITUAL LIFE.

BY ELIZABETH STUART PHELPS.

There is a form of the mental life which we call spiritual. This is the highest, as it is the finest, phase of the mystery that we name existence. Coleridge expressed what I mean when he said that "faith is itself a higher reason, and corrects the errors of reason as reason corrects the errors of sense." As the physical life is revealed by its phenomena, as the mental life possesses its expression, so the spiritual life has its manifestation. This is a fact. As such it is to be respected.

As we depend upon the senses to make clear to us the presence of the sunrise, as we rely upon the reason to explain to us the nature of a thought, so we lean upon faith to reveal to us the nature of a spirit.

While the eye brings to us the color of the dawn, it can do no more; the optic nerve of an idiot, though it quiver in precise obedience to the laws of his physical organism, for three score years and ten, will never reveal to him the rapture of the morning. Sense and reason must act together. So the reason, left to itself, informs us of the character of the thought or of the feeling which we have about the sunrise; then it comes, and there it must come, against its limitation. The intellect of a skeptic, though he cultivate it till he is in his grave, will never produce a prayer for the guidance, or endurance, or delight of the day that is about to be his. Reason and faith must work together. So, we might add, faith, as a disconnected faculty, cannot result in true devotion. Unless guided by reason, the devotee may become a howling dervish, or a hysteric nun. The sense, the mind, and the spirit must live together.

Like the life physical, like the life intellectual, the spiritual life, while yet confessing an interdependence upon these other forms of life, possesses, like them, an individual existence.

"My *soul* to me a kingdom is." In this kingdom there are laws: there is obedience or disobedience; there is anarchy or order; there is the separation of government; there is the history of growth or decline. This is a fact. As such it is to be respected.

A broken physical law involves its penalty. A denied intellectual law implies a punishment. A defied spiritual law presumes its retribution.

Leap into the ocean; no opposing law of salvation interfering, you will drown. Defraud the hours of rest for study or for dissipation; you lose the mental power of controlling natural sleep. Contest against that surrender of the soul to its Creator which we call the religious life; the religious life witdraws itself from you. Unbelief closes over the willing unbeliever, like the waves of the sea or the tides of insomnia. These are facts. As such they are to be respected.

Again: the great law of development is the law of action. Every natural power grows by exercise. Any school-boy knows that he can create the iron ball of muscle on his arm only by the use and training of the muscle. Any college girl understands that the various faculties of the brain, the mathematical skill of the accountant, the acquisitive power of the linguist, the obedient memory, or what is called the conservative power of the historian, as well as the rhythmical facility of the poet, the manual dexterity of the musician, and the balanced imagination of both, become serviceable only through action, as they become through inaction inert. As with the brawn, as with the brain, so with the spirit.

To exercise spiritual power, is to develop and strengthen it. To disuse it is to repress or extinguish it.

As the body has its senses, so has the soul. Burns speaks of "those senses of the mind" by which great religious truths are apprehended. Spiritual truth is received by spiritual powers. Spiritual fact is perceived by the spiritual eye, heard by a spiritual ear, handled by spiritual touch. "The true saint," says Dr. Holmes, "can be entirely apprehended only by saintly natures."

Spiritual power is the flower of the human growth. In spiritual character we find the highest, finest, and most complex form of the species. All other nature, whether physical or mental, is embryonic to spiritual nature. Spiritual culture is the culmination of human education.—*November Atlantic.*

SLAVE MARKET IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

The headquarters of the white slave trade in Constantinople are in the Bostanchi quarter, which comprises a number of small, narrow streets between Pera, Galata, and Tophane. The trade is conducted almost exclusively by a tribe of Circassians known as Tessirdchis. Families generally work together. One brother for example, stops at home and minds the shop while the other goes abroad, purchases and forwards the raw material of the commerce. Negotiations with purchasers are conducted through the intermediary of Arab brokers, who call regularly on their patrons to inquire if they are wanting anything in black eunuchs or white girls. The rendezvous of these gentry is a coffee-house in the Bostanchi quarter, the entry to which is strictly forbidden to all save followers of the prophet.

A white boy in good health, from eight to fourteen years old, costs $180 to $200; if he has any acquirements, such, for instance, as a knowledge of cookery or other housework, he will command twice as much. A girl under ten years old may be had for $100; while a maiden between twelve and sixteen, especially if she can read and write and strum a little on the gittar, is worth $3,500. A female slave of exceptional beauty, young, white and a virgin—the style most im vogue are blondes with black eyes—fetches from $4,400 to $6,000. For a very choice specimen, with a smattering of French and able to play a few airs on the piano a rich amateur has been known to pay as much as $12,200. But as may be supposed, the demand for articles of this discription has greatly fallen off since the halcyon time of perpetual loans and profused expenditure.

Black slaves, who are brough principally from Africa, are either sole direct by the importers to the proprietors of harems, or to dealers, two of whom have extensive private marts in Stamboul. These two generally keep on hand one hundred to one hundred and twenty slaves each. There are also depots in Scutari and in several villiges on the Bosphorus. A strong black slave sells for about $90; a black maiden, $67 to $75; a full eunuch $315 to $400; and half eunuch $135 to $225.

Not the least interesting part of the account from which I quote is the writer's description of his visit to a slave-dealer's den in the neighborhood of Scutari, the exact locality of which he has sworn not to reveal. His companion was an Arab broker, whom he had to blacksheesh heavily for his services. He assumed the character and presented himself in the garb of a Hungarian renegade officer in the Turkish army, the ostensible object of his visit being the purchase of a halaiks or house-slave. The slave dealer's warehouse is a large wooden building; the slave dealer himself a dignified Turk of the old school, bearded, turbaned and lottily polite. Pipes and coffee were, of course, produced, and, after a due interchange of complimentary phrases, business began. The dealer's head man, Hassan, a gigantic Nubian, was summoned, and told to bring forth a number of slaves for the inspection of the broker and his friend. Thirty Negro women of various ages and a number of boys were led into the room. These the broker, who had really a commission to buy two or three slaves, looked carefully over, made them open their mouths, punched their ribs, tried their wind, and examined their "points" as a horse dealer examines the points of an animal which is offered to him for sale. In the end two women and one boy were selected as suitable for their purpose. Then began a long and almost interminable wrangle. The dealer asked $900. The broker laughed him to scorn and offered $60. Whereupon the Turk waxed scornfully indignant, but in consideration of the rank of his guests offered to come down to $220. Then more coffee and fresh pipes were ordered, and after a tremendous palaver and an immense consumption of tobacco, the lot was knocked down for $190. The purchase, it was agreed, should be sent for and the dealer's little bill settled on the following day.

The Seven Bibles of the World.

The seven bibles of the world are the Koran of the Mohammedans, the Eddas of the Scandinavians, the Try Pitikes of the Buddhists, the Five Kings of Chinese, the three Wedas of the Hindoos, the Zendavesta the Scriptures of the Christians. The *Koran* is the most recent of these seven Bibles and not older than the seventh century of our era. It is a compound of quotations from the Old and New Testaments, the Talmud, and the Gospel of St. Barnabas. The Eddas of the Scandinavians were first published in the fourteenth century. The Pitikes of the Buddhists contain sublime morals and pure aspirations, but their author lived and died in the sixth century before Christ. There is nothing of excellence in these sacred books not found in the Bible. The sacred writings of the Chinese are called the Five Kings, "king" meaning web of cloth or the warp that keeps the threads in their place. They contain the best sayings of the best sages on the ethico-political duties of life. These sayings connot be traced to a period higher than the eleventh century B. C. The three Vedas are the most ancient books of the Hindoos, and it is the opinion of Max Muller, Wilson, Johnson and Whitney that they are not older than eleven centuries B. C. The Zent davesta of the Persians is the grandest of all the sacred next to our Bible-Zoroaster, whose sayings it contains, was born in the twelfth century B. C. Moses lived and wrote his Pentateuch fifteen centuries B. C., and, therefore, has a clear margin of 300 years older than the most ancient of the other sacred writings.

Indiana

Indiana has been considered the pivot State in national politics. Indiana was admitted to the Union in 1816. She gave her first electoral vote for Monroe. She had always been Democratic up until 1860, and then she give Lincoln a majority of nearly 25,000. This tidal wave swept the Democrats from the ship of state and freed her from Democratic bankruptcy and misrule. Indiana was one of the first States to fill her quota of soldiers. With he never tiring O. P. Morton as governor, he quelled the *Knights of Golden Circle*, and made her one of the first States in the Union. Since 1868 up to the present, Democracy has had the ascendency. Last Tuesday another tidal wave swept over the entire State, and she is once more in line as a Republican State.—*Ex.*

Speech of Colonel Ingersoll.

General Grant tells us that Hancock said to him in Washington, "I am opposed to nigger domination." No man is fit for President who insults a down-trodden race. What a scabbard that sentence will make for the glory of the sword of Gettysburg! Does Hancock believe in State sovereignty? If so, he fought on the wrong side. If he does not, he was nominated on the wrong side. What does he think? I don't know. He says that tariff depends upon local option. He heard it mentioned once in his native state of Pennsylvania. He must have been eavesdropping. (cheers and laughter) What is Hancock for? You don't know, I don't know, he doesn't know. How did he know that he would be called upon to veto rebel claims? The Republican party would feel insulted if Garfield should agree to veto a law it might pass. Hancock virtually says; "I'll agree to defeat the party that elects me. look at 'em; they're a bad lot; but I'll protect you from them." The Democratic party is an aggregated appetite; hunger is satiety compared with its craving. Hancock says he will veto his party. But if death should veto him? Death is a poor politician. He has never yet elected a good President. Suppose death should veto Hancock? Then William H. English. The meanest thing I can say of him is to pronounce his name. (Laughter.) What is Hancock in favor of? His country is a local question. He'll never veto any thing. Ohio vetoed him, and Indiana swore to it. (Laughter.)

Another Discovery.

Prof. Swift, Astronomer of the Warner Observatory, at Rochester, N. Y., discovered another large comet on the evening of October 10th. The fact was noted in the associated press dispatches, but some important and interesting details which could not be telegraphed are herewith given. The new celestial visitor is in the Constellation of Pegasus, right ascension, 21 hours, 30 minutes, declination North 17 degrees, 30 minutes. Its rate of motion is quite slow, being in a Northwesterly direction, so that it is approaching the sun. It has a very strong condensation on one side of the centre, in addition to a starlike neucleus' which indicates that it is throwing off an extended tail. From the fact of its extraordinary size, we are warranted it presuming that it will be very brilliant, and the additional fact that it is coming almost directly toward the earth, gives good promise that it will be one of the most remarkable comets of the present century. This is the fifth comet which Prof. Swift has discovered, and the increased facilities which Mr. H. H. Warner, the popular and wealthy medicine man, has given him, by erecting a magnificient Observatory for his benefit, promise much more for the future. There is a possibility that further developements may prove this to be the great comet of 1812, which is being constantly expected, in which event astronomers will have an unusual opportunity to test the spectroscope for the first time upon these eccentric bodies, and ascertain certainly what they are.

The Democracy of Ohio have resolved in the future to dispense with the Negro voter on the same principle that Jack refused to eat his supper—because they cannot rely on the colcred Democrat. The Ohio Democracy had better import Shaw, Scott or Councill; then they would be certain of at least one sable supporter—eh?

Fisk University celebrated the 9th anniversary of the starting out of the first troupe of Jubilee Singers. Minnie Tate and George Gordon, members of the original troupe, sang on the occasion.

The November Atlantic opens with five chapters of a striking new Serial Story, "The portrait of a Lady," by Henry James, jr. Mr. James is unquestionably one of the foremost of living novelists, and his new story will be followed with eager attention by a multitude of readers. Col. T. W. Higginson writes "A Search for the Pleiades," a charming out-doors essay on New Hampshire mountain scenery, birds, and animals. The third paper on the "Intimate Life of a Noble German Family" is no less interesting than previous papers. Miss Phelps discusses the puzzling question "What is a Fact?" Geo. P. Lathrop describes the Concord School of Philosophy in a paper entitled "Philosophy and Apples.', Prof. Shaler of Harvard treats "The Future of Weather Foretelling." Rev. S. J. Barrows has a thoroughly interesting article on "The Silk Industry in America." Richard Grant White seems to conclude his excellent English papers with one made up of "Letters and Notes From England." "The Washington Reminiscences," which have been pronounced by competent judges the best series of papers ever written on Washington political and social life, this time relate to the Tyler administration. Miss H. W. Preston furnishes a capital translation of "Storms in Autumn" from the Georgics of Virgil. T. B. Aldrich contributes "The Jew's Gift," a striking poem, and there are also poems by E. H. Clement and Anna Head. There is, apopos of "The Stillwater Tragedy," a careful and hearty tribute to "Mr. Aldrich's Fiction;" and many other new books are reviewed in the excellent style for which the *Atlantic's* criticism are noted. A variety of topics is treated entertainingly in "The Contributors' Club," which closes a remarkably good number of this sterling magazine.

Wisdom in Indiana.

Of course Wabash felt a pride to outdo the rest of Hoosierdoom in greeting the distinguished statesman, and our turnout numbered at least 20,000 people. In the procession itself there were by actual count 4,400 people, the majority in uniforms. Here were further symbolical representations and several of the moving illustrations and take-offs on democratic policy and practice were very good. They had one wagon, with a great tree in it, and half a dozen ku-klux engaged in the act of hanging a Negro to one of the limbs. They hung him for about four hours, presumably to the effectual breaking of his neck and to the great amusement of a least a part of the crowd, though the democrats looked rather mad at the label "Democratic argument." There was another equally popular object lesson, headed "1860—1880," containing an old-time slaveholder selling some Negroes on block, with a school house with about twenty little colored girls and a large colored girl with a book in her hand teaching them. Still another immense wagon illustrated

THE CHANGED INDUSTRIAL SITUATION,

showing the implements which were formerly manufactured abroad and imported into this country, but which now, thanks to the republican control of the tariff, are made here and shipped abroad.

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AN INCIDENT IN THE INDIANA CAMPAIGN.

At Rushville, forty miles northeast of Indianapolis, the lowest estimate placed on the crowd reached 12,000, and here a still greater parade took place. There were thirty gayly ornamented wagons, symbolizing variously happy results attendant on republican rule. In several of the vehicles, more sumptuous than the rest, enthroned fifteen goddesses of liberty, and a handsomer assortment individually and collectively, was never seen unless it was the three battalions of

UNIFORMED YOUNG LADIES ON HORSEBACK,

true Republican Amazons, the inspiration of whose presence will surely outlast election day. They rode as cavaliers, and there were in all two hundred of them.

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FOR PRESIDENT,
JAMES A. GARFIELD,
of Ohio.
FOR VICE-PRESIDENT,
CHESTER A. ARTHUR,
of New York.

Now for Virginia, Florida and North Carolina!

Indianians have a more desperate fight before them next month.

Let every Republican work now the harder until the evening of the 2nd of November!

Our news editor addressed the republicans of Sandy Springs last Mondap evening.

Just as we go to press notice of the 8th annual celebration of the Knights of St. Augustine reaches us. It comes off next Thursday at Blake's Hall.

There was great enthusiasm here last Saturday night over the victory in Ohio and Indiana. It is said to be the greatest display that was ever gotten up in the District on the spur of the moment.

Mr. John S. Leary, to whom we alluded in our editorial correspondence last week, has recently sustained a loss in the demise of his wife, which occurred at Raleigh Wednesday, the 13th instant. Our sympathies go forth to Mr. Leary.

Virginia can be made to send three Republicans to Congress, if the proper effort is put forth; but not a single day is to be lost. There are numbers of men here, voters, who should be registered and otherwise qualified to help elect a majority of Republicans for the next House.

Last week democrats went down to the mourners' bench by the thousand. The gospel from Indiana and Ohio sent deep conviction to their hearts; it taught them that the way of the transgressors is hard; and this week we are having some converts, and they are shouting, hurrah for Garfield!

We believe with the *Era* that the school teachers of the colored schools would do a very good work for themselves, their friends, and their race, if they would set up a co-operative dry goods or fancy store. It could be made successful from the start, and it would stimulate the inauguration of other enterprises.

Wade Hampton has suddenly become over-sensitive because his name was associated by the Hon. John Sherman with the *Ku Klux* organizations of his State. Because Secretary Sherman does not disclaim the responsibility for holding him as culpable as the Ku *Klux*, he gives the lie and intimates that he wants to be challenged. Mr. Sherman treated his braggadocio with becoming contempt. There are men in these ten-miles square, who, unconsciously it may be, are deserving of as much public sympathy as Wade Hampton.

John S. Hinton, a colored man, was elected to the legislature in Indiana, the first instance in the history of that State. Of course he was elected by Republicans. We commend this to the editor of the *Advance*, (Montgomery, Ala.,) not because it is a rare thing for a colored man to be a legislator, but because to obtain such an election in the North, especially in a State like Indiana, where four-fifths of the votes must come from white men, it is a fairer test of ability and republicanism than to gain such an election in the South where the candidate needs only colored votes to elect him.

Indiana, Illinois and Ohio have each had a colored legislator; Kansas will give another next month, and so the work goes on. Massachusetts had colored members in her legislature fourteen years ago.

Last Sabbath the Rev. Dr. Fulton of Brooklyn, New York preached a political sermon. He thinks that the pulpit cannot neglect politics. During his remarks he said: "With the definition given us of politics, and with the command which sends christians into all the world to preach the gospel to every creature, it is difficult to see how the pulpit can safely neglect politics, or how politics which contends for 'righeousness which exalts a nation' and opposes sin which is a reproach to any people can be separated in thought or desire from the pulpit. Whose mission is to sound out evangels of good will to all men, while it holds up to the gaze of all the requirements of truth and its eternal foundation of justice and equity." This is good reasoning, who has anything against it?

History teaches us that many great reforms have been brought about in public affairs by sermons of noted ministers. Such preachers lived good lives upon earth, and when they left this world we believe they were welcome to the Heavenly world. Hence we do not think it is wrong for a minister to speak on politics when it becomes a moral question.

THE PULPIT AND POLITICS.

Elder Peck preached a political sermon last Sabbath which was attentively listened to by the intelligent. Of course some did not like it, but the majority of his people heard it gladly. Some people think that a minister should not speak a word on politics, but they have as much right to speak on such subjects as any body else, especially when it comes to the question of right and wrong. For the preacher is a watchman upon the wall, and if he sees the enemy coming he should warn the people; for he is commanded in the Bible to do so, and if he fails to do this, the good book tells us that the blood of the people shall be upon him. Now, some preachers think that they are so good that they must not speak a word about politics; they seem to think that it is an unpardonable sin, and thus some can stand still and look coolly on while political demagogues destroy the country, and he thinks he does God service in not saying a word about the wicked deeds of such men. Now, it is the preacher's duty to cry against sin; to speak against the sins of political demons as much so as the sins of the lawer, doctor, grocer or scientists. For a political sycophant can do more harm in a single speech than a scientist would do in ten years. And how often we hear preachers preaching great sermons against scientists, but it matters not what a bad political party does, the preacher must be dumb about it.

Everyboby knows that the democratic party is a bad party. It is a party of hate, of secession, of treason, a party opposed to progress, opposed to a free ballot, opposed to universal education and the advocate of States rights; a party associated with the Ku Klux in the South that have murdered thousands of colored people in cold blood since the war. In a word, it is a party opposed to everything that is good and associated with most everything that is bad. Now, we hold that preachers should denounce any such a party. One reason why preachers should occasionally preach a political sermon is, because in times of great peril their wisdom is needed. For there are many ministers with great wisdom and great influence, and it is often that in times of a great crisis the people all vote as the intelligent ministers advise. Another reason why preachers should speak on politics is, because the prophets of old did it. Elijah did, so did John the Baptist, the Savior of the world and the apostle Paul.

PERSONAL.

C. O. Jacko, of the "Weekly Arkansas Mansion," has gone on a lecturing tour.

S. S. Servent, our former agent in Baltimore, has accepted a position as teacher in the public schools of Virginia.

H. C. Bruce, esq., brother to the Senator, has been nominated by the republicans of Atchison, Kansas, for the legislature.

R. H. Gleaves has our thanks for a copy of the "Sea Island News" containing an elaborate article on The National Issue. From the same paper we find that our old friend, T. H. Wheeler, has been nominated for school commissioner. We hope Tom will be elected by a handsome majority.

LIPPINCOTT'S MAGAZINE.

Lippincotts Magazine for November opens with an article on the "Ruins of the Colorado Valley," by Alfred Terry Bacon. These ruins of a mysterious past have recently been the subject of fresh explorations, the results of which are here given, and made more intelligible by admirable illustrations. Jennie J. Young, author of "The Ceramic Art," contributes a comprehensive survey of the "Arts of India," with numerous illustrations giving a very good idea of the beauty of design and fineness of workmanship characteristic of the Eastern races. By way of comparison "Limoges, and its Porcelain," by George L. Catlin, presents us with a view of one of the great centres of industrial art in Western Europe. "A Pivotal Point," by Rev. William M. Baker, depicts graphically the situation in Texas in the days of secession, with anecdotes and personal reminiscences of Sam Houston and other prominent characters. "The Practical History of a Play," by William H. Rideing, introduces the reader into the manager's "den" and traces the successive steps by which an accepted play is got ready for representation. Dr. H. C. Wood's paper on "Automatism," the first of two, is a clear and popular presentation of biological principles and facts. "How She Kept her Vow," by S. G. W. Benjamin, professes to be a true narrative of adventure during the civil war. An agreeably written article on "Heinrich Heine," two amusing short stories by Olive Logan and Margaret Bertha Wright, the last instalment but one of "Adam and Eve," poems by Julia C. R. Dorr and John B. Tabb, and the usual variety of reading in the editorial columns complete the number. It is announced that with the next year this magazine will enter on a new series, the price being reduced to $3.00 per annum and 25 cents per number.

—Buy your tickets at once for St. Luke's concert. Tickets only twenty-five cents, reserved seats 10 cents extra.

Hymenial.

The announcement that the marriage of Mr. Langston W. Allen to Miss Virginia E, daughter of Silas Holmes, would take place at the St. Luke's P. E. church, Wednesday evening, was sufficient to attract a large crowd there before the hour appointed. As the bridal party entered, consisting of Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Simmons, of Brooklyn, N. Y., Mrs. Allen, Mr. G. W. Cook, with Miss Millie G. Hurns, Mr. C. C. Alexander and Miss E. M. Collins, Mr. Holmes, with the bride resting on his arm, and Mr. Allen supporting Mrs. Allen, the choir sang "How sweet the voice o'er Eden," and the congregation rose to their feet while the rector, Dr. Crummell, performed the impressive ceremony of the Episcochurch. This over, the party promptly left the church for their home, 1612 11th St., n. w.

From 8 to 11 there was a bonnet reception held. Entering there we found as democratic a gathering as we have witnessed for some time. There were Dr. and Mrs. Crummell, Dr. Purvis, Rev. S. P. Smith, J. W. Gray, Supt. of Asbury M. E. Sunday school, the Misses Ricks, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Nalle, Misses E. J. Patterson and Mary Nalle, Miss Myers, and Mr. and Mrs. Murray and a host of others. The scene was one of loveliness and beauty. At the piano the familiar face of B. D. Fleet was seen with that intent glance; over in the corner was Mr. Howard discussing the political situation. R. W. Colbert, with his Adonis like form, a centre of attraction, and Miss Ingraham disporting herself with becoming grace.

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was served by Gray, and besides salad and oysters, embraced choice creams, ices, fruit and wines in abundance.

On two tables the presents, marks of regard from relatives and friends, met the eye of the guests.

WHAT THERE WERE.

Two waiters and a half a dozen goblets, French glass, silver cake and pie knife, Robt. Payne, of Chicago; Corner bracket elaborately carved, Mrs. S. Belt; China tea set, John Whiting; fine napkins, L. A. Lewis; hair napkin rings, Frederick A. and Louisa Easton; ditto, Mrs. Julia and Mr. Stephen Johnson; handkerchief case of black velvet, sky blue satin trimmings, silver mounted and pair of silk breakfast shawls from Europe, Mrs. Wm. Hill; silver pitcher, Wm. and Curtis Allen, brother of the groom; pair majolica pickle dishes, by Nellie and May Wells, of Geneva, New York, nieces of the groom. These are young misses aged 5 and 9 years respectively; set silver tea spoons, R. N. Boyd; handsome box of initialed handkerchiefs, Miss R. A. E. Hickman; puff box, Mr. J. C. Nalle and lady; half dozen heavy napkins, Mamie Jones; pickle dish, Matilda White; embroidered hose, lace handkerchief and toilet napkin set, Miss M. Makel; six large towels, by Misses Mary Nalle and E. J. Patterson; parlor lamp, Mr. George Mason; gold watch, from Geneva Switzerland, to the bride from the groom; castor French glass cruets, Mrs. Reed; butter dish and knife, Mr. Harris and lady; pickle dish, L. Johnson; butter knife, Mr. Wm. Taylor, of Geneva, N. Y.; lace tie, Mrs. Mary Roberts; handkerchief, Thos. Belt; silver cake basket gold lined, by employes of the Competroller of Currency Treasury Department; gold pen, by Miss M. E. Howard; companion panel floral pictures, James Whiting; silver napkin ring lined with gold, by the groom's father: silver vase, an inverted bell resting on keys, by Mr. J. W. Cromwell and wife; nickle plated German Student's lamp, by Jas. Lewis, of Mo.; bed spread and pillow shams, of lace lined with blue silk, by Mrs. George Allen, the groom's mother; silver forks, Geo. Warrick, of Davenport, Iowa; Moore's complete works, Miss Minnie Naylor, of Chicago, Ill.; four oil paintings, from Willis Lee, of of Boston Mass.; bath towels.

As to the toilets of the bridal party, not being an expert, we can only state that the bride was lovely in a white satin diagonal cut waist, tulle puffs, orange blossoms, spray, filigree necklace, skirt en traine three yards in length. Miss Collins wore a pointed satin bodice, square cut neck, tarlatan skirt kilted in front, satin puffs. Miss Millie Hurns wore a satin bodice, tarlatan skirt, satin folds, tarlatan puffs, making a very lovely appearance. Mrs. Simmonds, of Brooklyn, N. Y., a blue silk, trimmed with white lace. Mrs. George Allen, was richly attired in black silk, and black velvet, and white lace fichu.

A New Musical enterprise.

At the request of a number of the members of the choir and of the congregation, the organist of St. Luke's Epispocal church has undertaken to organize a class in vocal music among the ladies and gentlemen attending that church. The plan as presented appears to be a good one—it is to commence with a series of class-room "talks" upon musical notation illustrated upon the blackboard, followed by exercises in reading music. When sufficient skill is acquired in this art, it is proposed to establish a choral society composed of the most proficient of the class with a view of giving a series of concerts in the spring for the benefit of church and more especially to aid the choir. Already a sufficient number have signified their intention of connecting themselves with this class to insure its success. If any of our readers desire to avail themselves of this opportunity of becoming familiar with with the rudiments of music they can do so by meeting the organist in the vestry room of the church on Monday evening at 7 o'clock. The terms will be five dollars per quarter payable monthly. The well known reputation of Mr. Jecho is a sufficient guarrantee of his abilty to carry out the plan proposed.

There is not that prejudice against colored men in the enjoyment of their rights in the North as there is in the South, but the latitude for material advancement is greater for colored men in the South than in the North. It is natural that such should be the case; because there are more colored people in the South and the larger their numbers the greater the scope for power in whatever avenue they may be found treading. The demand is greater here for colored school teachers: the demand great for agriculturists, in as much as the whites of the South are afraid of menial labor, not so in the North. The demand is great in the South for patriotic, intelligent colored men to mould sentiment. It the colored men in the South will act judiciously they can wield a balance of power in politics that will not only tell for them here, but for those of the North. This refers only to the colored man as regards the settled North and South. He must finally seek lands, not in States however sparsely settled, in the distant territories, and there make settlements free from the voice of the white man.—*The Blade, (Athen)*.

—Miss Isabella Brooks, the sweet alto of Asbury choir was quietly married Wednesday night, last week at Rev. E. W. S. Peck's residence to Benjamin Lancaster.

G. U. O. of O. F.

Communications for this column should be addressed to "ODD FELLOWS' COLUMN," Peoples' Advocate.

Brief communications and inquiries for this column are invited. It is, as its name implies, devoted to the interests of the order.—Ed.

John D. Moore, one one of the founders of Unity Lodge 711, was buried last week in Philadelphia.

The Odd Fellows of Little Rock are discussing the propriety of building a hall.

Rev. J. R. Riley is to deliver an address on Thanksgiving Day to the fraternity of Louisville, Ky.

MR. EDITOR:—I would like for you to tell me whether a member who is temporarily absent from the city on special business for his lodge is thereby rendered disqualified from re-election to an office which takes place in the meantime? PHILOMATH.
Washington, D. C., Oct. 1, 1880.

(We should say not. The fact that he was absent, and in the employ of his lodge excepts him from the condition of ordinary absentees, and unless he has expressed himself to the contrary, it should work no disqualification; but, of course, the lodge is not bound to re-elect him. ED.)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

We have learned that some of the clergymen of this city are somewhat surprised at seeing in the local columns of the ADVOCATE notices of a grocery store at which whiskey is sold. We would inform them that these are special notices, paid for as other advertisements at so much per line. We would also inform them that newspapers require considerable money to support them, and that subscriptions fall far short of doing it; hence advertisements become necessary. Now, the ADVOCATE does not believe that whiskey is a great civilizer, or that it adds to the peace or the prosperity of either the home or society in general.

On the contrary, we are aware that Rum has made more wrecks than wars or women have. Nevertheless, so long as the sale of it is not forbidden by law, we can not see the enormity of the sin we have committed, and we do not feel that we are promoting the cause of intemperance by simply advertising the goods of a family grocer at which whiskey is sold—not as a beverage as in saloons, but just as it is sold at the most fashionable of our drug stores.

We are open, however, to conviction. If any of the ministers, or others, who complain, can show us that it is less injurious to the general morals of a community to uphold church entertainments, kept up long after midnight, held near bar rooms than to advertise the articles kept in nine-tenths of the respectable groceries of this city, they are at liberty to do so. Who speaks first? J. W. CROMWELL.

Letter from Alabama.

Florence, Ala., Oct. 18, 1880.

Editor People's Advocate.

We had a grand republican rally here on last Tuesday, at which time Mr. Bynum of Huntsville, Ala. and Mr. J. H. Thomason, of Athens, spoke upon the political issuses of the day. The meeting was one of the largest ever held in this place and the most enthusiastic. These gentlemen are supporting Col. W. M. Lowe for congress, from the 8th district. It is the best thing we can do at present; he is a greenbacker, by uniting, we can defeat the regular bourbon candidate.

Our friend Mr. Peyton Watkins has announced himself a candidate in this district for congress, claiming the colored vote. It is unwise just now to create division; if I thought there was a ghost of chauce for the election of Mrs. Watkins I would vote for him but it is impossible for him to be elected while Lowe will carry every black vote and half the whites in this counry and defeat the Democratic nominee.

I want to see colored men in congress where we ought to be represented, but let us unite first and overthrow bonrbonism. A prudent man looks ahead.

Respectfully,
REV. WILLIAM H. ASH.

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LOCAL.

—Societies and Churches desiring local notices of their entertainments and other special exercises in order to ensure the same should send complimentary tickets.

—Remember the cencert at St Luke's Monday 15th instant.

—Mr. John W. Gray is to have charge of the Cafe of the French Flats. He leaves for New York to arrange for the furnishing of the entire establishment.

—Miss Ingraham went to Baltimore last week.

—A. H. Brooks and wife are at Owings Sound Ontario, Canada.

—Misses M. Howard and Hogan, of Brooklyn, New York and Murdock of Frederick, are the guests of Mrs. Willis Smith, 1514 O Street n. w.

—F. A. Van Vranken, of Albany New York, who was the guest of Wyatt Archer, left here for home last Monday highly pleased with his visit. "The visit of his life," as he terms it.

—There were two funerals at Asbury church last Monday afternoon; one at two o'clock and the other at four.

—Rev. J. E. Roy, field superintendent of the American Missionary Association, preached an excellent sermon at the Lincoln Mission last Sunday evening. There was a audience and it was spellbound for nearly an hour.

—The church choir of St. Luke's and volunteer talent will sing Monday 15th proximo.

—Rev. J. E. Rankin D. D., Dr. Presbrey and Prof. Bischoff, made the Lincoln Mission choir a present of sixty new hymn books called "Gospel Bells," lately printed in Chicago.

—On Sunday the 10th inst., Rev. W. O. Lynch, Presiding Elder of Kansas District and superintendent of the mission work of the M. E. Church among our people late of the Exodus, preached an able and highly interesting discourse at 11 a. m., at the evening service, Rev. Bishop E. G. Andrews, D. D., of the M. E. Church, preached a sermon of great power after which Rev. Mr. Peck, the pastor taken up a collection in behalf of paying the debt on the Metropolitan church of this city.

On account of the inclemency of the weather last Sunday the Ebenezer A. M. E. Sunday School of Georgetown postponed their rally until the fifth Sunday, 31st inst.

—The Sunday School Union of the District of Columbia will hold their quarterly meeting at Lincoln Hall cor. 9th & D Sts., to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Union also gives a concert on Friday night next 28th inst., at the same place.

—The S. S. of Union Bethel Church held their special exercises as per announcement last Sunday afternoon. Rev. J. W. Stevenson pastor preached, after which the Superintendent extended a general invitation to those present to respond by prayer or words of cheer. Many responded to the invitation during the intervals of which selections were sung from the Gospel Hymns.

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—Rev. M. H. Ross will speak in the evening of October 31, to-morrow week at John Wesley church on the issues of the day.

—The Union Bethel Sunday School of Washington, Ebenezer Sabbath, of Georgetown, will give a concert at Bethel Hall on Thursday evening Oct. 28. All lovers of good singing are invited to be present. Doors open at 7 o'clock, concert commences at 8 o'clock. Admission 15 cents, children ten cents.

—M. E. Serena's wonderful panorame of Uncle Tom s Cabin will be exhibited at John Wesley M. E. Church Conn. ave. bet. L and M sts. n. w., Monday and Tuesday evening October 25 and 26. Tickets for adults twenty cents, children ten cents; to be had at the door. Doors open at seven o'clock.

A birth day party was given Mrs. Kate Smith, Thursday night, by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jackson, on Corcoran St. There were nearly forty persons present. They tripped "the light fantastic" to quite a late hour, when all retired with many regrets.

Services at the Presbyterian Church.

Last Sabbath was set apart as a day for prayers for the Sunday Sundy School, by the "London Sunday School Mission," of the Presbyterian Church and recommended by the great "P n Presbyterian-Alliance Council." In the morning at regular service, Rev Grimke read the 1st chapter of the 1st Book of Samuel. as morning lesson and after prayer, preached for Matthews 19th 14, But Jesus said, "suffer ttle children etc."

The sermon was historical, beginning with the origin of the first known Sunday School recorded in history, from the 180 to 1627. He traced the growth, power, spread and influence of Sunday Schools throughout the succeeding ages in Europe and noted the spread in England, France, Belgium and Germany, the Netherlands, Italy Hungary, Sweden, Spain, Greece, Canada and in the United States,—abler discourse was never heard in this church on the Sunday School work. Parents of children profited by it; they can but take courage and send their children to the Sabbath School. The invaluable lessons drawn from that discourse cannot fail to leave an indelible impression on the mind of all present.

The choir under direction of Prof. Grant, rendered choice music. The quarterly review and concert announced in this paper last week came off at 7:30 o'clock in the evening. The parents and friends of children, with visiting superintendents and school workers from sister churches, soon filled the church, long before the exercises began. The recitations, essays and singing were very interesting. The Superintendent, Mr. Meriwether, deserves much credit.

Letter from Virginia.

Bealton, Va. Oct. 18, 1880.

Editor People's Advocate.

I have been canvassing Fauquier and Loudon counties for the last month. Major S. P. Bailey, candidate for Congress in the 8th Congressional District, will certainly be elected over Barbon, the funder or democrat, and Williams the re-adjuster. The Ohio and Indiana election was a death knell to the democrats in Virginia. The democratic barbecue at Warrenton, Saturday, was largely attended by democrats from the several neighboring counties. The colored people partook as freely of the repast as the white, but they assert that they are for Garfield all the time.

Respectfully,
WM. CALVIN CHASE.

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MRS. M. A. GOLLYHAM and
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After the presentation letter was read and the watch received with hearty thanks from Mrs. Garrison, the shaking of hands and congratulations by her friends who were then present. Mrs. Garrison gave her reason why her work was not at the fair, which was one one account of sickness in her family and for the want of time to artistically arrange her work.—*Washington Post.*

Mrs. Garrison is a colored lady, a member of the 15th St. Presbyterian church, and well known throughout this city and elsewhere for her art in wax and other artistic works. (Ed.)

—Last night the following officers were elected and installed in for the ensuing year in Simon's Commandery No. 1 K. T.: Sol H. Morrison, Eminent Commander; Noble Snowden, Generalissimo; P. H. Simmons, Capt. General; Thomas Burgess, Recorder; James E. Freeman, Prelate; R. D. Young, Treas; Joseph Harris, S. W.; John H. Davis, jr. W.; Wilson Smith, Warden. The Grand Commander was present, and installed the newly elected officers, Speeches were made by the Grand Commander, also by Sir C. A. Stewart, P. C.; Sir C. C. Johnson, P. C.; Sir John Freeman, P. Grand Capt. Gen'l.

The officers elected were just such men as we should have at the head of the commander; and we are confident the commandry will prosper this year with our young Sir Knight, Sol. Morrison at its head, together with his able staff of officers. We congratulate the members on their selection of officers.

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